



# **Calhoun County Joint Information Center**

Wednesday, January 19, 2022



# Administrative Notes

- Please mute your phone
- This is a listening-only meeting, besides the pre-arranged speakers
- Please send any questions through Zoom chat function
- Enter your name on Zoom, so we know who is asking questions
- Please let PIOs know if you have questions.



# Unified Command Team

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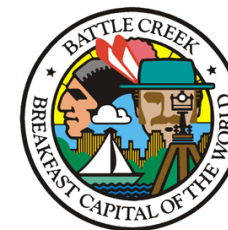
**Rebecca Fleury**, Battle Creek City Manager

**Eric Pessell**, Health Officer, Calhoun County Public Health Department



## CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER

*COVID-19 Unified Response*





# Additional Speaker

**Dr. William Nettleton**, Medical Director, Calhoun County Public Health Department



# Joint Operations Center:

## Lines of Effort and Priorities

Save Lives

Mitigate Suffering

Protect the Vulnerable

- Develop community-wide approach
- Create a virtual Joint Operations Center
- Respond to impacts and effect of the Shelter in Place Order
- Anticipate and prepare for COVID increase and surge capability
- Develop plan to reset and stabilize



# Purpose of Joint Information Center (JIC)

To provide current and relevant information regarding actions, activities and resources in the JOC in a combined format for community and elected leadership, as well as the media

To listen to and determine the needs of all jurisdictions in Calhoun County



# Agenda

Countywide COVID-19 Situation -  
Pessell

Incident Rates Calhoun - Pessell

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Quarantine/ Isolation Guidance- Pessell

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COVID-19 Testing- Nettleton

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COVID-19 therapeutics- Nettleton

OSHA Vaccine Update - Fleury

Comments from Representatives -Open  
to Elected Officials or their  
representatives



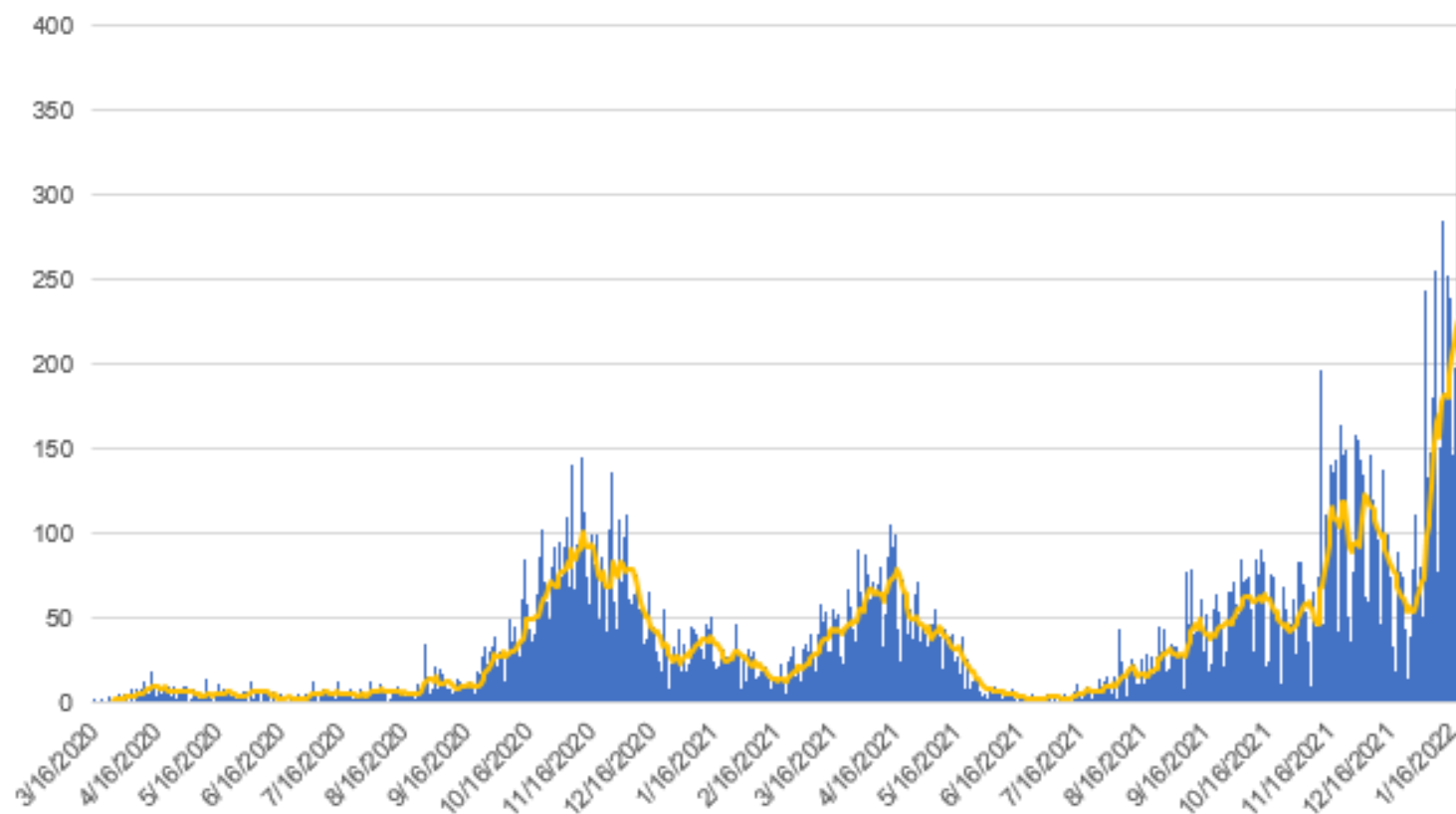
# Current Situation

Last Updated: 1/19/2022 8:30 AM

Positive for 2019-nCoV	25,070
Current COVID-19 Persons in Hospital Beds	42
Deaths	474



Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Referral Date, Calhoun County, 2020-2022





# Community Incidence Rate in Calhoun County

- The COVID-19 incidence rate measures the daily total number of COVID-19 cases reported per 100,000 people. It is defined as the number of new cases for the disease within a time frame.
- The percent positive is exactly what it sounds like: the percentage of all coronavirus tests performed that are actually positive, or:  $(\text{positive tests}) / (\text{total tests}) \times 100\%$ . The percent positive helps public health officials answer questions such as:

What is the current level of SARS-CoV-2 (coronavirus) transmission in the community?

Calhoun County Incidence Rate		Calhoun County Percent Positivity	
Date Range	Incidence Rate (per 100,000)	Date Range	Percent Positivity
9/22-9/28	286	9/22-9/28	10.0%
9/29-10/5	362	9/29-10/5	13.0%
10/5-10/11	375	10/5-10/11	13.0%
10/13-10/19	342	10/13-10/19	12.1%
10/20-10/26	287	10/20-10/26	11.6%
10/26-11/1	308	10/26-11/1	12.3%
11/2-11/8	333.2	11/2-11/8	14.3%
11/10-11/16	563.5	11/10-11/16	18.0%
11/16-11/22	676.8	11/16-11/22	22.2%
11/24-11/30	582.9	11/24-11/30	22.8%
12/1-12/7	713.3	12/1-12/7	22.7%
12/8-12/14	559	12/8-12/14	18.8%
12/14-12/20	394.3	12/14-12/20	15.4%
12/28-1/3	588.9	12/28-1/3	23.5%
1/5-1/11	1125.5	1/5-1/11	33.2%



# Current Recommendations

Protect yourself and those around you:

- The CCPHD recommends that everyone 5 years and older get their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines, and receive a booster dose when eligible.
- Keep physical distance of at least 6 feet from others, even if they don't appear to be sick. Avoid crowds and close contact.
- Wear a properly fitted mask when physical distancing is not possible and in poorly ventilated settings.
- Clean your hands frequently with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.
- **Find a COVID-19 vaccine or booster:** Search [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov), text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find locations near you. Or visit [calhouncountymi.gov/covidvaccine](https://calhouncountymi.gov/covidvaccine) to schedule an appointment with the health department.

# Quarantine / Isolation Guidance

- The Calhoun County Public Health Department has updated the quarantine and isolation guidance for both general population and K-12 school districts in Calhoun County.

You are exempt from quarantine if you:

- have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days, OR
- are fully vaccinated and have gotten a booster, OR
- got your 2nd dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months, OR
- got your initial dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine within the last 2 months.

[General Population full guidance](#)

[K-12 staff & student full guidance](#)

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

- Start isolating yourself right away.
  - Stay home except to get medical care.
  - Stay away from everyone else in your household (stay in a separate room, use separate bathroom if possible, etc.).
  - Tell your employer you have COVID-19.
- Think of the people you were around 48 hours before you developed symptoms or tested positive (whichever came first).
  - Tell them you tested positive so they can follow quarantine guidance.

"Resolving symptoms" means your symptoms have gotten noticeably better.

Some symptoms (like fatigue and loss of smell) may last a longer time. If you have questions, please call your medical provider to discuss.

See page 3 to see how to count days after testing positive

CDC guidelines for the general population, regardless of vaccination status:

- On Day 5, do you have no symptoms or are your symptoms resolving?
  - If **yes**, you can return to normal activities on **day 6**. Continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others through day 10 (including household members).
  - If **no**, you should continue isolating until symptoms resolve or 10 days have gone by since you tested positive or first developed symptoms. If you have a fever, continue to isolate until your fever goes away. **If your symptoms are not resolving or are worsening, seek medical care.**



Check here for MDHHS's examples of a well-fitting mask

Additional recommendations from the Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD):


Taking these extra steps can further reduce your risk of spreading COVID-19 to others.

- Take a rapid antigen test on day 6 of isolation.**
  - If **negative**, end isolation on day 6 and wear a mask around others through day 10.
  - If **positive**, continue to isolate through day 10 or until you get a negative rapid antigen test result, if you wish to continue testing.
- If you end isolation on day 6, be more cautious through day 10. Limit being around others as much as you can.
- If you are often around vulnerable populations (e.g., immunocompromised or elderly people):
  - Consider continuing isolation for longer (a full 10 days).
  - If you decide to stop isolation before 10 days, take a rapid antigen test. If positive, consider isolating for the full 10 days or until you test negative if you choose to test again.
- Note: The updated guidance is specific to the general public and does not change the current guidance recommendations for congregate settings, early childcare or K-12 settings - these settings should continue to use existing guidelines and policies regarding quarantine and isolation.**



\*These are guidelines for the general population.  
Last updated 1/4/2022. Information is subject to change at any time.  
See more about what to do if you're sick or exposed at  
[www.calhouncountymich.gov](http://www.calhouncountymich.gov)

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Calhoun County Public Health Department guidelines for Staff and Students  
K-12 School COVID-19 Isolation Guidance

Calhoun County Public Health Department guidelines for staff and students, regardless of vaccination status:

K-12 Student or Staff <b>tests positive</b> for COVID-19 and <b>has symptoms</b>	K-12 Student or Staff <b>tests positive</b> for COVID-19 and <b>is asymptomatic</b>
<p><b>Option 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isolate for 10 days from symptom onset, or</li> </ul> <p><b>Option 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isolate for 5 days and if symptoms are resolving or have resolved, normal activities can resume on day 6 with a <b>negative antigen test and mandatory continued use of a well-fitting mask through day 10</b></li> </ul> <p>If you continue to have fever or your other symptoms have not improved after 5 days of isolation, you should wait to end your isolation until you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and your other symptoms have improved.</p>	<p><b>Option 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isolate for 10 days from positive test date, or</li> </ul> <p><b>Option 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isolate for 5 days, normal activities can resume on day 6 with a <b>negative antigen test and mandatory continued use of a well-fitting mask through day 10</b></li> </ul> <p>If symptoms develop after testing positive, the 5-day isolation period starts over.</p>

Additional recommendations from the Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD):  
Taking these extra steps can further reduce your risk of spreading COVID-19 to others.

- Contact tracing for unmasked exposures must still occur.
- General exposure notifications should still occur in classrooms adhering to universal masking quarantine exemptions.
- Masking during school associated activities includes sporting games and practice.
- If you end isolation on day 6, be more cautious through day 10. Limit being around others as much as you can.

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# Masks and Respirators

## What is an N95 respirator?

An N95 respirator is a “respiratory proactive device” that’s designed to fit tightly on your face and form a seal around the nose and mouth to filter out airborne particles. N95 respirators are more effective than cloth and surgical masks because they filter out 95% of large and small particles, including bacteria and viruses

- Masking is a critical public health tool for preventing spread of COVID-19, and it is important to remember that any mask is better than no mask.
- The current situation facing Michigan hospitals and health systems is dire. Regardless of vaccination status, do your part to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

## Wear a mask with the best fit, protection, and comfort for you.



### N95 Respirator

NIOSH-approved

When worn correctly, respirators offer the highest level of protection and filter 95% of particles.



### KN95 Respirator

Filtration varies depending on standard.

When worn correctly, KN95s provide more protection than disposable masks.



### Disposable Mask

Sometimes referred to as “surgical masks” or “medical procedure masks”

Disposable masks offer more protection than cloth masks.



### Cloth Mask

Non-medical, made of fabric

Layered finely woven cloth masks offer more protection.

Loosely woven cloth masks provide the least protection.



Masks and respirators should not be worn by children younger than 2 years old.

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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# FREE COVID-19 home tests

- The website COVIDTests.gov is providing tests at no cost, including no shipping fee. It officially launches today, Jan. 19, but you might have seen it live Tuesday, Jan. 18.
- This leads to the same USPS website that was shared across social media on Tuesday.
- Four free tests are available per household.
- Tests will typically ship within 7-12 days of ordering
- Go here: [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov)

COVIDtests.gov

English Español

## Get free at-home COVID-19 tests

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days.

Order your tests now so you have them when you need them.

[Order Free At-Home Tests](#)

If you need a COVID-19 test now, please see [other testing resources](#) for free testing locations in your area.



*An official website of the United States government*





# COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests

- Quick, 15-30mins
- Can be at-home nasal swabs
- If positive, highly likely have current infection
- If negative, particularly with symptoms or after exposure, consider re-testing 24-48 hours later
- Can be used with or without symptoms
- If symptoms, best used within first 5 days of symptoms
- **More testing = reduce spread and get into treatment sooner**

# Library partnership for tests

- Tests to 18 libraries in Calhoun, Clare, Newaygo, Oceana, Saginaw counties and City of Detroit
- Limited numbers at each location
- One kit per person, up to 5 per household
- Visit libraries during business hours to get your test kits



**Homer Public Library is the only partner in Calhoun.**

141 W. Main St., Homer – 517-568-3450

**Hours:** 10 am-5 pm Mon-Wed; 10 am- 8 pm Thurs; 10 am-4 pm Fri; 9 am-noon Sat.

# Public Event Guidance



## January 2022 Public Event Guidance



### When supporting a business, store or restaurant:

- Consider taking advantage of **delivery and pickup services** when available.
- If visiting a business in-person, consider supporting businesses with **safety precautions** in place including masking, testing and distancing requirements for staff and patrons.
- Wear a well-fitting **mask** properly regardless of vaccination status, in accordance with MDHHS' mask advisory.

### Avoid large gatherings if possible, but if unavoidable use the following precautions:

(Examples include conferences, sporting events, festivals, concerts, or large weddings and parties.)

- **Do not** attend a large gathering or event if ill or within 10 days of testing positive for COVID-19.
- Wear a well-fitting **mask** properly regardless of vaccination status, in accordance with MDHHS' mask advisory.
- **Test** right before the event and then again 3 days after.
- **Outdoor** events are safer than indoor events.
- Practice **social distancing** at the event if possible. This means being able to maintain 6 feet of distance from other event attendees.





# Summary of COVID-19 Preventative Agents & Therapeutics



Remdesivir

**COVID-19 VACCINES**

**Monoclonal Antibodies for PrEP**

- Tixagevimab + cilgavimab (AZ)

**Monoclonal Antibodies for PEP**

- Casirivimab + Imdevimab (RGN)
- Bamlanivimab + Etesevimab (Lilly)

**Oral Antivirals**

- Paxlovid (Pfizer)
- Molnupiravir (Merck)

**Monoclonal Antibodies for treatment**

- Sotrovimab (GSK/Vir)
- Bamlanivimab + Etesevimab<sup>1</sup> (Lilly)\*\*
- Casirivimab + Imdevimab (RGN)

Tocilizumab

Dexamethasone

Baricitinib

**\*\*Not expected to be active against omicron variant**

[NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel's Statement on SARS-CoV2 Monoclonal Antibodies or Remdesivir for the Treatment of COVID-19 in Nonhospitalized Patients When Omicron is the Predominant Circulating Variant](https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/therapies/statement-on-anti-sars-cov-2-mabs-and-rdv-and-omicron/)  
<https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/therapies/statement-on-anti-sars-cov-2-mabs-and-rdv-and-omicron/>

# COVID-19 treatment outside the hospital

## Paxlovid (Pfizer)

- For mild to moderate disease to reduce risk of hospitalization
- 12 years +, at risk of severe disease
- Use within 5 days of symptoms
- Need Rx
- Drug interaction limitations
- Medical condition limitations
- Extremely low supply
- Efficacy similar to Sotromivab

## Molnupiravir (Merck)

- For mild to moderate disease to reduce risk of hospitalization
- 18 years+, at risk of severe disease
- Use within 5 days of symptoms
- Need Rx
- Reproductive information
- Available at Meijer pharmacies
- Lower efficacy than Paxlovid or Sotromivab



# OSHA Vaccine Update

- On Thursday, Jan. 13, U.S. Supreme Court put on hold the OSHA ETS requiring employees getting COVID vaccine or weekly testing for employers with 100+ employees
- Court questioned whether OSHA had the authority to issue this type of emergency standard applying equally to all employees in all workplaces, instead thinking Congress or individual states should have that power
- Sent back to 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, which will issue a decision
- Short version: Vaccination or weekly testing in large workplaces is on hold again



# Comments from Elected Officials

Senator Bizon

Representative Haadsma

Representative Hall

County Elected Officials

Tribal Elected Officials

City Elected Officials

Township Elected Officials

Village Elected Officials



# Best Information Sources

Calhoun County Government and Public Health Department

[calhouncountymi.gov](https://calhouncountymi.gov)

- Visit county site to sign up for all JOC press releases

City of Battle Creek, COVID-19 page

[battlecreekmi.gov/coronavirus](https://battlecreekmi.gov/coronavirus)

State of Michigan, COVID-19 page

[michigan.gov/coronavirus](https://michigan.gov/coronavirus)

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)



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